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PRODUCTION OF PULSES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total production of pulses in the country during the last three years, pulse-wise;

(b) the total consumption of pulses in the country;

(c) whether the production is sufficient to meet the demands;

(d) if not, the steps are being taken to increase the production of pulses in the country; and

(e) the total quantity of pulses exported during the last three years?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a) : The all India production of Tur, Gram and Other Pulses like Urad, Moong, Masur, Peas etc. alongwith the total production of Pulses as a whole for the last three years is given below : Production (in Million Tonnes)

Agricultural Year (July-June)	Tur	Gram	Other Pulses	Total Pulses
2001-02	2.26	5.47	5.64	13.37
2002-03	2.19	4.24	4.70	11.13
2003-04	2.37	5.79	6.78	14.94

(b) & (c) : The estimated domestic consumption and production of pulses is given in the table below :

(In Million Tonnes)

Year	Consumption	Production
2001-02	15.43	13.37
2002-03	12.99	11.13
2003-04	16.84	14.94

Note: The yearly total domestic consumption has been estimated as production + net import (import - export). As may be seen from the above table, production has been insufficient to meet domestic consumption demand.

(d) : In order to increase the production and productivity of pulses, a Centrally Sponsored Scheme `Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil Palm and Maize` (ISOPOM) is being implemented since 01.04.2004. Under this scheme, assistance is provided for Production of breeder seed, Production of Foundation seed, Production of certified seed, Crash Programme for quality seed production, Distribution of Certified seed, Distribution of Minikit, Infrastructure Development, Block Demonstrations, Integrated Pests

Management etc.

(e) : The total quantity of pulses exported during the last three years is given below :

Period	(In Lakh Tonnes) Quantity
April 2001 - March 2002	1.62
April 2002 - March 2003	1.48
April 2003 - March 2004	1.51